

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed to place the claims in proper form for prosecution before the USPTO.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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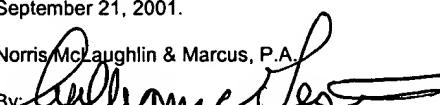
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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM,
SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSION**

Claim 1 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate having a first surface layer, and a second surface layer, and comprising at least 4 layers (I) to (IV) arranged directly or indirectly in the following sequence:

- a) layer (I) as [one] the first surface layer comprising at least one layer [vapour] of film, vapor-coated with aluminium or SiO_x or a metal oxide from the main groups 2 or 3 of the periodic table of elements, whereby the [vapour] vapor-coated surface is adjacent to the following layer,
- b) layer (II) as a gas barrier layer of resin,
- c) layer (III) comprising at least one further layer, [vapour] vapor-coated with aluminium or SiO_x or a metal oxide from the main group 2 or 3 of the periodic table of elements and
- d) layer (IV) as a heat-sealable layer, which is the [other] second surface layer of the film laminate.

Claim 2 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to claim 1, [characterised in that it] said laminated is a resin film laminate.

Claim 3 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to claim 1 [or 2, characterised in that], wherein the gas barrier layer (II) is a polyvinylalcohol layer.

Claim 4 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one of the claims 1-3, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the [vapour] vapor-coated layer (I) or (III), respectively, is based on a thermoplastic[al] resin[, particularly at least one polyester, at least one polyamide, at least one polyolefin or a copolymer thereof].

Claim 5 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one of the claims 1-4, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the layer (I) and the layer (III) are based on identical or different resins[, preferable on different resins].

Claim 6 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one of the claims 1-5, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the layer (I) and/or the layer (III) [exist at least two times] are themselves each made up of at least two layers and [particularly] the [vapour] vapor-coated surfaces are adjacent to each other.

Claim 7 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to claim 6, [characterised in that] wherein the at least two layers (I) are each based on different resins[, particularly of polyamide and polyester or of polypropylene and polyester].

Claim 8 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to claim 6, [characterised in that] wherein the at least two layers (III) are based on identical resins[, particularly polyester].

Claim 9 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one of the claims 1-8, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the layer (I) and/or (III) are made of a coextrudate of at least two layers, [particularly] comprising a resin gas barrier layer[, particularly an oxygen barrier layer].

Claim 10 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to claim 9, [characterised in that] wherein the coextrudate [consists of] comprises two polyamide layers (a) and a gas barrier layer (b)[, particularly of a hydrolysed ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, which is sandwiched between the polyamide layers (a)].

Claim 11 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one or more of the claims 1-10, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the heat-sealable layer (IV) is based on a thermoplastic resin[, particularly a homo- or copolyolefin, particularly LDPE, LLDPE, polypropylene, polybutylene, metallocenic polyethylene, HDPE, ethylene propylene copolymers, ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers or amorphous polyester, particularly an amorphous polyethylene terephthalate or an ionomer].

Claim 12 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one or more of the claims 1-11, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the layer(s) (I) and/or the layer(s) (III), respectively, are [vapour] vapor-coated with the same material.

Claim 13 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to claim 12, wherein said [characterised in that the] material is aluminium.

Claim 14 (amended). Multi-layer film laminate according to [one of the claims 1-13, characterised in that the] claim 1, wherein each vapor [vapour]-coated layer has a thickness of 30-80nm.

Claim 15 (amended). Vacuum insulation panels with a hermetically sealed wrapping comprising [of] a multi-layer film laminate according to [one of the claims 1-14] claim 1, whereby layer (I) is the outside surface layer of the wrapping.

Claim 16 (amended). Vacuum insulation panels according to claim 15 [characterised in that they consist of] further comprising an insulation material based on polyurethane foam or polystyrene foam each with open cells and/or a filler material based on silicium oxide.

Claim 17 (amended). [Use of the multi-layer film laminate according to one or more of the claims 1-13 as gas impermeable wrapping of a vacuum insulation panel whereby layer (I) is the outside surface layer of the wrapping] A vacuum insulation panel wrapped with a gas impermeable wrapping according to claim 1, wherein layer (1) is the outside surface of the wrapping.